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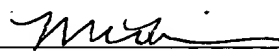
Applicants submitted an Amendment and Response on December 9, 2004 in reply to the first Action mailed on September 9, 2004. This paper was deemed non-compliant because the claims are allegedly not provided with the proper status identifier. In a teleconference between the undersigned attorney and the Examiner, it was determined that the Patent Office staff has failed to consider the amendments previously made to the claims via the Preliminary Amendment filed on June 14, 2001. The Examiner invited the undersigned to memorialize this in a written response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. As a courtesy to the Examiner and the Patent Office staff, Applicants submit the present paper to direct the Patent Office's attention to the Preliminary Amendment identified above, in view of which the previously submitted Response of December 9, 2004 is compliant.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit overpayment to deposit account no. 08-2025. In particular, if this response is not timely filed, the Commissioner is authorized to treat this response as including a petition to extend the time period pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) requesting an extension of time of the number of months necessary to make this response timely filed and the petition fee due in connection therewith may be charged to deposit account no. 08-2025.

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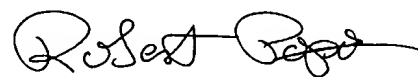
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